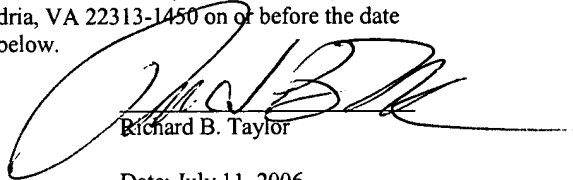




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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of March 20, 2006 relative to the application identified above. Please enter this response and the attached terminal disclaimer in the file of the above application, and please grant the attached request for a one month extension to reply to the Office Action.

In the Office Action mailed March 20, claims 21-38 of the present application were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,776,910, claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,808,632, claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,503,395, and claim 1,4,6,12, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,796,741. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of co-owned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,776,910; 6,808,632; 6,503,395; and 6,796,741. The grounds for rejection are removed by the terminal disclaimer.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

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